

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for configuring an appliance across a network, comprising:

receiving configuration instructions via an e-mail message including the instructions in command format received at the appliance; and

extracting ~~and parsing~~ the configuration instructions from the e-mail message without parsing.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail server on the appliance.
3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the mail server on the appliance communicates is one of the group comprised of: an IMAP server, and a SMTP server.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises running a mail daemon from the appliance, wherein the appliance is always connected to the network and the daemon monitors electronic mail for the device.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises connecting the appliance to the network to receive the e-mail message.
6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the e-mail message is received at a mail client on the appliance.
7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the mail client on the appliance communicates with a mail server on the network.
- 8.-13. (withdrawn)
14. (currently amended) An article comprising a storage medium, the storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing device, result in:

reception of an electronic mail message by a network appliance;

extraction of instructions from the electronic mail message without parsing; and

configuration of the appliance in accordance with the instructions contained in ~~command format~~ in the electronic mail.

15. (original) The article of claim 14, wherein the computing device is the network appliance.
16. (original) The article of claim 15, wherein the network appliance is a remote camera.
17. (original) The article of claim 15, wherein the network appliance is an Internet radio player.